

Application No.: 10/676,003
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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawing includes a new --Fig. 2A--.

Attachment: New sheet of Drawings (1)

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REMARKS

By the present response, Applicant has amended the Specification and the Drawings. Claims 1-5, 8-16, 18, and 20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 20 are independent claims.

Applicant appreciates the courtesy extended to Applicant 's representative during the telephone conferences held on September 13, 2004 and September 20, 2004. During the telephone conferences, the Examiner indicated that the claims, as presented in the amendment filed on July 22, 2004, would be allowable if the drawings were corrected to show the bolts and brackets which are used to join the posts to the platform as recited in the claims.

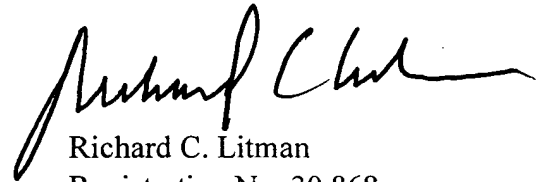
In the recent Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. Applicant has provided herewith new Fig. 2a which illustrates the bolts and brackets that connect the posts to the platform. In addition, Applicant has made appropriate corrections to the Specification to conform with the new Drawing. Applicant respectfully submits that the present response should serve to obviate the grounds of rejections raised by the Examiner in the recent Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the claims remaining in the application are allowable over the art of record. In the recent Office Action Claim 20 is not addressed. However, it is believed to be allowable, and it is noted that it was discussed in the interview as being allowable.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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